

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image reproduction apparatus comprising:
 - a memory that stores a plurality of image files, each image file having a file structure that includes at least two images, a high-resolution first image and a low-resolution second image, for any single image;
 - a display unit that displays an image file according to the plurality of image files stored in the memory;
 - an operating unit operated by a user for forwarding images displayed on the display unit; and
 - a control unit that successively fast forwards the second low-resolution images according to the plurality of image files while the operating unit is in a predetermined operating state and displays the first image corresponding to the second image displayed a predetermined number of images prior to the second image displayed when the operating unit is released from the predetermined operating state.
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2. The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined operating state is a state maintained continuously by the operating unit at a predetermined operating position for a predetermined time period.
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3. The image reproduction apparatus according to

claim 1, further comprising setting means for setting the predetermined number of images depending on the fast forward speed.

5 4. The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined number of images is set according to how the user operates the operating unit with respect to the fast forwarding display.

10 5. The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a setting unit by which the user sets the predetermined number.

15 6. The image reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first image is fast forward displayed when the operating unit is not in the predetermined operating state.

20 7. An image reproduction method for an image reproduction apparatus, the apparatus displaying on a display unit images according to image files from a memory that stores a plurality of the image files, each image file having a file structure that includes at least two images, a high-resolution first image and a low-resolution second image, for any single image, the method comprising the steps of:

successively fast forwarding the second images when

an operating unit that fast forwards image is in a predetermined operating state; and

displayed a first image corresponding to a second image displayed a predetermined number of images prior to
5 the second image displayed when the user releases the operating unit from the predetermined operating state.

8. A program for causing an image reproduction apparatus to display on a display unit images according to
10 image files from a memory that stores a plurality of the image files, each image file having a file structure that includes at least two images, a high-resolution first image and a low-resolution second image, for any single image, the program comprising:

15 code for successively fast forwarding the second images when an operating unit that fast forwards images is in a predetermined operating state; and

code for displaying a first image corresponding to a second image displayed a predetermined number of images
20 prior to the second image displayed when the user releases the operating unit from the predetermined operating state.